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SUBJ: DARIEN GAP

1. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY 76 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY OF 45.3 MILLION WAS REDUCED BY OMB TO A MAXIMUM OF 14.2 MILLION, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IT IS ALL RPT ALL TO BE USED IN PANAMA ONLY.

2. THIS RAISES SERIOUS POLICY QUESTIONS FOR US. DOES IT MEAN THAT THE POLICY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE NOT TO PROCEED IN COLOMBIA? CLEARLY IF THIS LINE HOLDS WE WILL BE UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING IN COLOMBIA EVEN IF THE AFTOSA CAMPAIGN IS JUDGED TO BE EFFECTIVE AND A GREEN LIGHT JUSTIFIED. DOES THIS ACTION IMPLY AN OPINION IN WASHINGTON THAT THE AFTOSA CAMPAIGN WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE THROUGH FY 76, AND, IF SO, HOW CAN ANYONE PRESUME FROM NOW THAT THAOS WILL BE THE CASE?

3. STILL A THIRD QUESTION IS A POLITICAL ONE AS BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND PANAMA. SOME GOC OFFICIALS ALREADY ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE DISCRIMINATING IN FAVOR OF PANAMA AND THAT PANAMA

IS MANEUVERING TO GET ALL THE AVAILABLE MONIES FOR ITS OWN ROAD BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT. IF THE OMB STRICTURE IS TO BE POLICY THEN THESE SUSPICIONS WILL SEEM TO THEM TO BE JUSTIFIED.

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4. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION ON WHERE WE STAND ON THE

DARIEN GAP, WHAT DECISIONS WERE REACHED WITH REGARD TO THE NSC  
UNDERSECRETARY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, AND THE POLICY MEANING,  
IN EFFECT, OF THE OMB ACTION. WHAT, IN SHORT, IS THE STORY?.  
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